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RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING DUES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that rental fees and non-billing licence fees are not being recovered by Secondary Switching Areas (SSAs) of Telecommunication circles;

(b) if so, the number of cases came to light during the last three years;

(c) the losses suffered by the Government as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to recover the outstanding fees from EPABX/PAX/PCO/ISD/STD subscribers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. In some Circles rental in a few cases was not recovered. Licence fee is recovered by DOT Hqrs., bot the SSAs.

(b) Details are given below:

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No. of cases in MTNL   874
No. of cases in BSNL:   6333
Total     7207
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(c) The amount in the above cases was:
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MTNL     Rs. 48,39,831
BSNL     Rs. 7.10 Crores
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However, the whole amount is likely to be recovered. As such, there is no actual loss to the Government.

(d) The following steps have been intiated in this regard:

i) The Telephones of defaulters are promptly disconnected and the other telephones of the party are also identified for disconnection to ensure recovery of outstanding dues, wherever required.

ii) Targets are fixed twice a year for all field units to liquidate outstandings and performance monitored against the same.

iii) Good incentives have recently been declared for staff for the early recovery of outstandigs.

iv) High Power Committees and liquidation boards have been set up in the field for early liquidation of arrears.

v) The collection efficiency of each Circle is monitored by the Corporate Office of BSNL/MTNL every month.